GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:423
ANSWERED ON:18.07.2017
Culling of Wild Boars
Senguttuvan Shri Balasubramaniam

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether wild boars are included in the list of endangered animals under the provisions of the Wild Life Protection Act;
(b) whether the Ministry is aware of any State or UT having issued a directive for culling of wild boars since they destroy the crop of the farmers and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the unqualified directive for culling of wild boar would lead to indiscriminate hunting of wild boar for meat etc. making the species extinct;
(d) whether the culling of the wild boar is bound to affect the biodiversity of the region and if so, the details thereof, and
(e) whether the Ministry would take up the matter with States concerned over the aforesaid issue and if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) Wild boars are listed in Schedule-III of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
(b) The Government is not aware of any State or UT having issued any directive for culling of wild boars.
(c) Does not arise.
(d) The culling of any wild animal including wild boar, may affect biological equilibrium.
(e) There is no such proposal.

***